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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

Paul V. Cooper

Docket No.:

23438.00045

Application No.:

10/773,101

Group Art Unit:

3746

Filing Date:

February 4, 2004

Examiner:

Not Yet Assigned

Title:

SYSTEM FOR RELEASING GAS INTO MOLTEN METAL

TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Commissioner:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on May 6, 2004 in the above-identified application, enclosed herewith are the missing parts needed to complete filing of the subject patent application.

1. Small entity Status

[x] Applicant asserts Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27.

2. Fee Calculation

| | Claims filed | | Basic claims | | Present Extra | | | | Fees |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|---|------------------|---|----------|---|------------|
| Basic filing fee and Surcharge | | | | | • | | | | \$ 900.00 |
| Total Claims | 38 | minus | 20 | = | 18 | X | \$ 18.00 | = | \$324.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | minus | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$ 86.00 | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | Subtotal | = | \$1,224,00 |

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| [x] Missing parts filed within first month after due date - add [] Missing parts filed within second month after due date - add [] Missing parts filed within third month after due date - add [] Missing parts filed within fourth month after due date - add [] Missing parts filed within fifth month after due date - add | | | 110.00 420.00 950.00 1480.00 2010.00 ototal: | | \$1,334.00 |
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| If "small entity" status box above is checked, enter half (1/2) of Subtotal and subtract | • | | | - | \$667.00 |
| | TOTAL FILING FEE | | | = | \$667.00 |
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| 3. Enclosures (check as applicable) [x] Notice of Missing Parts (copy) [x] Executed Declaration and Oath [x] Request for Correction of Filing Receipt [] Statement(s) of Small Entity Status under | | .9(d) | , and 1.2 | 7 | |

[x] Replacement Drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 and 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

[] Other:

[x] Check for fees

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[] for Assignment

4. Manner of Payment

[x] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3878 in that amount of \$_55.00___. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R §§1.97-1.99 (with PTO Form 1449)

[x] A Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. check in the amount of \$ 612.00 is attached.

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R.§§1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3878 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. Assignment

[] An Assignment of this application is enclosed. Please record the Assignment and return the recorded Assignment to the undersigned attorney.

The Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to forward the application for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 6, 2004

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below. however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 8, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 12D.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment;

• Additional claim fees of \$162 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$612 for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$162
 - \$162 for 18 total claims over 20.

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